



## **OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020 - 005

AN ORDER DECLARING THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF CLASSES FROM PRE-ELEMENTARY TO GRADUATE SCHOOL IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN CABANATUAN CITY AS PART OF THE PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO AVOID, CONTAIN, AND MITIGATE THE POSSIBLE TRANSMISSION OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

**WHEREAS**, Section 15, Article II of the Philippine Constitution emphasizes that it is the State's policy to protect the right to health of the people;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of the Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 states that "the local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied there from, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare" and that local government units shall "promote health and safety";

**WHEREAS**, Proclamation No. 922 was signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines and enjoining national agencies and local government units to immediately act to prevent loss of life, utilize appropriate resources to implement urgent and critical measures to contain or prevent the spread of COVID-2019, mitigate its effects and impact to the community, and prevent serious disruption of the functioning of the government and the community";

**WHEREAS**, earlier this year, the Department of Health (DOH) issued an Advisory dated February 7, 2020 urging the public to "avoid attending and participating in and organizing events that draw huge number of attendees" and that the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) further issued an Advisory dated February 10, 2020 stating that "all local chief executives (LCEs) are directed to adhere to the recommendation of DOH and to inform their constituent of the same;

**WHEREAS**, as it was resolved by the Cabanatuan City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council that all classes must be suspended immediately through CDRRM Council Resolution No. 2020-01;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Cabanatuan shall periodically evaluate whether such suspension shall continue, depending on the prevailing conditions and upon the advice of DOH.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I MYCA ELIZABETH R. VERGARA**, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order the temporary suspension of classes (all levels) in all public and private schools in Cabanatuan City starting tomorrow, March 14, 2020.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until further notice.

**DONE**, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020 at Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija

**HON. MYCA ELIZABETH R. VERGARA**